



River Area Council of Governments

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Municipal Management Consultant Monthly Announcements

July 2022

Next RACOG Meeting

September

Castorland Journal Presentation – Please join us for a presentation by Dr. John Gallucci on Thursday, July 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lowville Academy and Central School (LACS) high school auditorium or virtually via Zoom. Doors will open at 6:30. His presentation on the *Castorland Journal* will be free and open to the public, coinciding with the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce's [RiverFest 2022](#) weekend festivities. Registration is required for this free event at tinyurl.com/castorland.

Center for Policy Research – On July 5th, 2022 I had a Zoom meeting with April Roggio a Research Associate for the Center for Policy Research at the University at Albany. Her team is very impressed with the work that the council of governments have done within the Tug Hill region and wanted to learn more about the projects that RACOG has worked on. She is leading a study examining municipal efforts to address food system localization and would be interested in potentially speaking to the RACOG municipalities in the future.

Lewis County Community Choice Aggregation Survey -

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RACOG UPDATES

- **Promotional Video** – Contract signed for working with CGI. The subcommittee (Scott Burto, Tim Widrick, Chuck Terrillion) is working with CGI to come up with a draft script.
- **RACOG Economic Visioning Summit** – The results from the survey will be passed out in July, with follow-up at the board meeting in September.
- **RACOG Event Display** – RACOG approved to move forward with the purchase of a banner that was designed by a BOCES Hoard G. Sackett Technical Center student from the visual communications class. The banner will be displayed at the county fairs.
- **LED Lighting** – Lewis County communities have received their shared service funds. Jefferson County communities should be getting their funds soon.
- **Complete Street Projects** – Village of Lowville police department is interested to see if there may be another round of grant funding. They would like to get some funding for street crossing signs and potentially digital speed/radar signs to help slow traffic down.
- **“Friends of the Black River” Working Group** – On July 28, 2022 at 6 p.m., Dr. John Gallucci will be presenting about the history of the Black River at the Lowville Academy auditorium. The Lowville Academy history class is going to sponsor the event. This event will also be advertised as part of the Riverfest event taking place on July 30th, 2022.
- **Black River Mapping** – GYMO will be going out with me to finish mapping the hazards on the river in the next week or two.

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TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

To see more information on these trainings, go to <https://www.racog.org/grants-trainings/>

Association of Towns Fall Planning and Zoning Schools - Three Locations: Registration for fall training with Association of Towns opens on July 1. Three planning and zoning schools in September, each day offering four hours of land use training. members.nytowns.org/Towns/, *Association of Towns*

Leasing to Solar Developers Webinar Series: July 12 & 26, 2022, Webinar: July 12, 2022: www.bit.ly/solarJuly12 and July 26, 2022: www.bit.ly/solarJuly26, *Penn State University*

ReLeaf Conference: July 21 -23, 2022, All tree enthusiasts are invited to the 29th Annual ReLeaf Conference at Jefferson Community College in Watertown, New York. New York ReLeaf is a state program promoting management and care of our state's community trees. <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/register>, *NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) & NYS Urban Forestry Council (NYSUFC)*

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NY Conference of Mayors Fall Training School: September 12 -16, 2022, The New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) is holding its fall training school at the Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs September 12-16, 2022. Complete information available at www.nycom.org/2-uncategorised/1053-fall-school-agenda, *NYCOM*

Stormwater Online Training Available: Online, <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8699.html>, *NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Soils and Water Conservation Districts*

Cornell Local Roads Training Webinars: <https://cals.cornell.edu/nysltap-local-roads/training-events/workshops> , Webinar, *Cornell Local Roads*

GRANTS/ASSISTANCE

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Climate Smart Communities: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is accepting applications for round six of its Climate Smart Communities grant program, available through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process. <https://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html>, *NYS Department of Environmental Conservation*, **Deadline:** July 29, 2022

Internet For All Program: Internet for All programs are slated to build internet infrastructure, teach digital skills, and provide necessary technology to ensure that everyone in America – including communities of color, rural communities, and older Americans – has the access and skills needed to fully participate in today's society. <https://www.internetforall.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/Fact%20Sheet%20-%20IFA%20Launch%200.pdf>, *National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)*, **Deadline:** September 30, 2022